

AN AWFUL ACCIDENT.

The Nightwatchman at the McLure House Fatally Crushed,

BEING CAUGHT IN THE ELEVATOR.

His Skull Crushed and his Head Torn in a Sickening Manner--The Accident not Entirely Understood, but no Blame Attached to Anybody.

Last night a few minutes after 10 o'clock the McLure house was the scene of a terrible accident, by which Levi H. Hutton, the night watchman, lost his life.

A few minutes before the accident occurred Hutton was sitting in the office chatting with Mr. Otto Heiskell, who has charge of the cigar stand, when he received a call from the office to go up to the second floor, to room 107, and bring down a trunk at once, to go on the 10:30 train.

Hutton started off in a hurry, replying that he would be back in a few minutes, and started up on the elevator. Getting the trunk he backed in upon the elevator, in the baggage compartment in the lower part.

Turner Monroe, the colored elevator boy in charge, called out to him in the customary way, "All right?" and Hutton answered, "Yes, go ahead."

The boy started the elevator down, when he felt a slight jar, and called again, and receiving no answer, stopped and started to screaming.

This rapidly brought a number of people to the scene, and there a horrifying scene met their gaze.

Lying between the floor of the upper compartment of the elevator, and the sill of the window on the east side, was the body of the nightwatchman with the left side of his skull crushed in and streams of blood pouring over him.

Several of the more self-possessed spectators picked up the man, who was still gasping and breathing, and carried him into the adjoining room, number 117, where physicians were summoned.

Doctors Dickey and Reed responded at once, but pronounced him beyond all hope, as there was a compound fracture of the skull on the left side, extending from a point just above the left eye to the base of the brain, back of the left ear, the entire side above the ear being crushed in.

Hutton came here about one year ago from Olivet, Ohio, near Barnesville, to accept the position of night watchman, and had made many friends by his quiet, unassuming manner and pleasant disposition to all who were associated with him. He was twenty-two years old, and a general favorite about the hotel.

Turner Monroe, the colored boy in charge of the elevator, was entirely blameless, as he has had several years experience in that capacity and was considered one of the most careful boys on watch. His screams and paroxysm of grief over the sad affair were very pitiful. He and the night watchman were very warm friends and thrown together most of their time while on duty.

Messrs. Stamm and McLure, who deplore the accident greatly, did everything in their power to prevent accidents, and always cautioned employees to be always on the watch.

The proprietors telegraphed Hutton's parents last night about the sad affair.

It is suspected that after getting into the elevator Hutton either fainted, or lost his balance through the trunk slipping, and in trying to steady it, fell so that the descending elevator caught his head between the top of the elevator door and the sill of the window.

There was an affecting scene in the room where he lay breathing his last when Rev. Dr. Cook offered an appropriate prayer.

Hutton died at eighteen minutes after 12. He never rallied from the time he was injured until he ceased to breathe, and he did not know what hit him.

MAIL BOX THIEVES HELD.

The two boys, Williams and Taylor, have a hearing before the Commissioner.

William Williams and Edward Taylor, the two boys accused of having committed the recent street mail box robberies, were held last night by United States Commissioner B. J. Campbell in \$300 bail each, in default of which they were committed to jail.

Williams gave direct evidence, admitting that he had broken open several mail boxes, and stating that Taylor had opened some too. Taylor's father, brothers and friends testified that on Monday night the boy did not leave the house, Williams having claimed to have broken open some boxes, in Taylor's company, at that night.

Postal Inspectors Naylor, Fisher and Sprosser had come on to Wheeling, thinking from the indefinite information they had obtained, that something big in the postoffice robbery line had occurred. They were disappointed when they arrived, but took hold dutifully of the little case and carried it to a conclusion.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

An Adjourned Meeting Yesterday--Routine Matters.

An adjourned meeting of the County Commissioners was held yesterday and all the members were present, with President Gruse in the chair.

The report of the committee on finance regarding the sale of the \$100,000 worth of bonds was received and adopted. President Gruse reported that the \$85,000 worth of bonds had been delivered to the W. B. & T. Railway company, and that the company's certificates for \$300,000 worth of stock have been received and a final settlement of the matter has been made.

The enumerators appointed to secure the names of all the voters in the county, asked for one cent additional per name for transferring the names onto the proper blanks, and it was granted.

The matter of the Cumberland road was postponed until a future time. The question of taking up the county and dividing it into different precincts under the new election law, was postponed until Wednesday, when another meeting will be held.

Bills aggregating \$108 20 were ordered paid.

"Meet me by moonlight alone" "I can't," she said, "mother says I'll catch my death of cold." "Tell her I've got a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup." "All right! she says I may go."

Dedication at Benwood.

For the accommodation of those who desire to attend the dedication of the new St. John church, at Benwood, Sunday, January 24, the Baltimore & Ohio railway company will run a special train, leaving Wheeling at 10:15 a. m., returning leave Benwood at 12:15 and 4:00 p. m.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

MATINEE at the Grand to-day. THE GRAND this evening--"Lieber Franz."

OPERA House this evening--"Old Jed Prouty."

ROBERT DITTY was arrested last night by Officer Driller for drunkenness.

WALTER JOHNSON has resigned his position as stripper in the "Top" mill. Now is the time when the sidewalks ought to be cleaned and the crossings scraped free of the slush.

THERE will be no services at the United Presbyterian church to-morrow, on account of the illness of Rev. Dr. McClure.

Good progress is being made on the alteration of the Lutz building, on Market street. New fronts are being put in all the stories.

THERE will be an important meeting of the members of Battery D. at Mr. H. Seamon's cigar store, this evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Bishop, who lives at Caldwell's run, had his foot badly mashed yesterday by a piece of iron falling on it. He works at the Bonwood iron works.

Is the circuit court yesterday, in the case of John T. Harvey vs. Sarah Harvey's administrator, judgment was entered for the plaintiff in the sum of \$494 20.

JACK CROGAN, the well known base ball player, is receiving the congratulations of his numerous friends on his approaching marriage to a well known South Side belle.

Last night the young ladies of the Cotillion club gave a most enjoyable leap year party, at the rooms of the Wheeling club, for which Klimyor furnished the music.

The general committee on natural gas could get no quorum last night. Mr. Heard, the company's general manager, had come down from Pittsburgh to attend the meeting.

Is the police court yesterday there was just one case, that of young Traux, accused of disorderly conduct. He was fined \$10 and costs, and in default of the cash was sent to the jail for thirty days.

YESTERDAY the work on the Main street bridge wing walls was pushed right along, the weather not being severe enough to make the question of the kind of cement to be used an important consideration.

THERE were no developments yesterday in the matter of the robbery of Capt. Prince's house, and though there is a clue which seems pretty plain, the evidence is so far too intangible to justify an arrest.

CLERK Hook yesterday admitted to record a deed made January 21 by Annie Fox and William, her husband, to Florence, wife of Peter Mikels, for \$850, the east half of lot 8 in H. H. Britt's subdivision, on Eleventh street.

THE butchers' strike has not yet made itself very seriously felt by the general public. At least a part of the journeymen quit work yesterday, but the employers say that they will get along just as well as if there had been no strike.

WOUN was received at police headquarters that Mrs. Knop, who was run over by a one-horse wagon on January 8, at 6 p. m., on Eoff street, between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh, was in a critical condition. The driver is not known.

Mr. E. Piencer, of Grand Rapids, Mich., was here yesterday looking for his eloping wife, who he says ran away from Cleveland with W. H. Clearwater, the pool expert. Clearwater is said to be taking part in a tournament at Syracuse, N. Y.

EXERCISE which starts the perspiration is recommended as the best remedy for the grip, and no better perspiration-producer has yet been discovered than cleaning the snow and ice off the sidewalks. Besides, it limbers up the muscles of the back and makes an old man young again.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

J. T. McDonnell, of Clarksburg, is at the Behler.

William G. Brown, of Kingwood, is at the McLure House.

Henry Rasel, of Forty-third street, is still confined to his house.

Mr. J. C. Barr, of the South Side, left last evening for New York to visit his daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Poole, of Wichita, Kas., are visiting Mrs. Poole's father, Dr. J. G. McCollough, at Bellaire.

W. S. Grafton, of the Wheeling Corrugating company, had to go to his home at Steubenville yesterday, severely ill with the grip.

Mrs. Amelia Schepper, of the East End, was tendered a surprise party last night by her friends. Music was furnished by Prof. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Reed last night entertained a number of their friends in a very enjoyable way at their home on South Penn street, Island.

Theodore Hornbrook, of New Martinsville, H. U. Johnson, of Mannington, and H. A. Eberhardt, of Sistersville, are registered at the Stamm House.

William Stevenson, of Washington, H. W. DuBois and F. R. Coates, of Pittsburgh, John W. Sisler, of Elkins, and J. L. Newman, of Littleton, dined at the Behler yesterday.

Bank Changes.

Considerable change is to be made in the working force of the Bank of Wheeling. Mr. Gibson Lamb, the former cashier, having been elected president, Mr. Joseph Seybold succeeds him as cashier. Mr. Jacob Jefferson, the paying teller of the Bank of the Ohio Valley, who is one of the oldest bank clerks in the city, having served twenty-one years in various capacities in that institution, was elected assistant cashier. Mr. C. Howard Simpson, formerly of Curry & Simpson, life insurance agents, was appointed correspondent, and Charles Lamb, a son of the president, bookkeeper, with W. F. Butler as collection clerk.

In the Bank of the Ohio Valley all the clerks were promoted. Mr. J. Howard McDonald, paying teller, W. Paxton Burke, second teller and individual bookkeeper, Charles Whally, correspondent, and Lee Bailey general clerk.

What the Bond is For.

A gentleman well informed in railroad matters says the extension from Bergholz to Jewett is a Wheeling & Lake Erie move to get a direct line from the Short Creek coal fields and also from Wheeling to Cleveland. It will give Steubenville another route to the lakes, but indirect and by no means as useful as a direct line from Steubenville to Bergholz via Pernar's run or Will's creek, which would open up a large coal field and competing line to lake ports more important than the Wheeling & Lake Erie to Toledo. Our citizens may lose an important opportunity by their indifference, as they are being switched off all around.

DELBRUGGE MOVES.

A Writ of Quo Warranto, Sworn Out in the Circuit Court.

THE RIGHT TO THE CHIEF'S OFFICE

To be Tried in the Court, on the First of February--The Allegations of the Petitioner in Full--The Proceedings so Far Merely Formal and a Matter of Course.

In the circuit court yesterday the long expected petition of Ex-Chief of Police Louis Delbrugge for a writ of quo warranto requiring Chief Robert McNichol to show his title to the office of city sergeant was filed in open court, duly sworn to by the claimant, by his attorney, Denis O'Keefe. In such cases it is only necessary to make affidavit that things are true which would if proven establish the petitioner's case, and the writ issues as a matter of course, on the giving of bond by the petitioner. Bond was given in the sum of \$500, and summons was directed to issue to McNichol to appear on the first of February.

Following is the petition in full:

THE ALLEGATIONS.

State of West Virginia, Ohio County, to-wit: -

In the circuit court of said county: This day came Louis Delbrugge, by his attorneys, and in open court with leave of the court filed his information in the nature of a writ of quo warranto in the name of the state of West Virginia against Robert T. McNichol; and therefore the said Louis Delbrugge informs and gives the court to understand and respectfully complains:

That he, the said Louis Delbrugge, heretofore, to-wit: on the fourth Thursday in January, 1891, at the general charter election of the city of Wheeling, a municipal corporation of said state, in said county, held on that day in said city for the election of officers of said city by the voters thereof, was duly and lawfully elected to the office of sergeant of the city of Wheeling for the term of two years thence next ensuing; that afterwards, to-wit: on the 27th day of January, 1891, before the second branch of the Council of said city, he took the oath of office as such sergeant, and with two sureties, approved by the said Council, entered into bond in the penal sum of \$10,000, conditioned as provided by law for his faithful discharge of the duties of said office of sergeant, and was then and there duly, fully and lawfully qualified as sergeant of said city and vested with all the powers and duties of said office, and did thereupon, at once, to-wit: on the said 27th day of January, 1891, at said city, in the said county of Ohio, enter upon the discharge of the duties and the exercise of the powers of said office for the said term; and he continued to discharge said duties and exercise said powers, at all times thereafter, until the time of the intrusion and usurpation by said McNichol, hereinafter mentioned.

And said Louis Delbrugge further informs the court and gives it to understand and respectfully complains that afterwards, and while said Delbrugge was rightfully and lawfully discharging the duties and exercising the powers of said office of sergeant of said city of Wheeling, the same being a public office, to-wit: on the 18th day of December, 1891, at the county and city aforesaid, the said Robert T. McNichol unlawfully and without any right intruded into and usurped the said office of sergeant of the city of Wheeling, and since and still declares that he is rightfully entitled thereto, and has since prevented and does still prevent said Delbrugge from discharging the duties and exercising the powers thereof, but that said McNichol is unlawful and without right discharging such duties and exercising such powers.

And said Delbrugge also alleges that said McNichol was a deputy sergeant of said city under said Delbrugge and during the latter's term of office aforesaid, from the said 27th day of January, 1891, until about the end of August, or beginning of September, 1891, when he resigned said office of deputy sergeant.

The said Louis Delbrugge therefore says and avers that the said Robert T. McNichol is in nowise entitled to said office of sergeant of said city, and prays that by the judgment of the court said McNichol may be removed from said office and fined and amerced for his unlawful intrusion into and usurpation of said office, and may be adjudged to pay the costs of this suit; and that said Delbrugge may be allowed and awarded such other and further remedies and judgments in the premises as he is properly entitled to. And he will ever pray, etc.

A SHIMMONS ISSUED.

This was signed and sworn to by Louis Delbrugge, and attested by Denis O'Keefe as a notary public.

This information being presented in open court to Judge Paull, he directed that a summons be issued to Robert T. McNichol, to appear in court on the first day of February at 9:30 a. m., and defend his interests. Delbrugge gave bond in the sum of \$500, with W. M. Handlan and John M. Short as sureties.

The trial of the case will of course involve the examination of the technical questions of law growing out of the provision that a sergeant shall not run for re-election after he has served two terms, until one term shall have elapsed, and that no deputy sergeant who has served under a sergeant within a year shall be eligible after that sergeant has served two terms. It ought to take less than ten minutes to establish that that provision has nothing to do in the present situation, and inasmuch as the written resignation of the late chief is on file, with minutes showing that it was submitted in pursuance of an agreement, the questions of fact involved ought not to take up more time than the questions of law.

NOTES ON NAVIGATION.

Stage of Water and Movements of Boats, The River Interests.

The marks on the landing last night showed that the river was falling, with 9 feet 5 inches in the channel. The reports from above were:

Pittsburgh--6 feet and falling; weather cloudy.

Brownsville--7 feet 6 inches and falling; cloudy and cool.

Morgantown--6 feet and stationary; cloudy and cool.

Warren--1 foot; light snow.

Steamers were scarce yesterday and none showed up but the Liberty, which was on time in the Clarington trade. The steamer Carrolton will pass up for Pittsburgh this morning. She has taken the place of the Congo, which is laid up for repairs.

The river is running out considerable ice and the boats are chary about venturing on their trips. Until the ice has thinned out there is no telling when the boats will be running regularly again.

THE ROUND TABLE.

The Ohio Valley School Superintendents Have an Interesting Session.

The Ohio Valley Round Table convened last night in Superintendent Anderson's office, there being present Superintendents Jones, of Bellaire; Mannix, of Martin's Ferry; Riggs, of Benwood; Ren, of Barnesville; Rossiter, of St. Clairsville; Merrick, of Cadiz, and Anderson, of Wheeling. Superintendent Rea presided. "Good Books for the Aid of Teachers" was discussed. "Ethics in Stories" was highly spoken of; also McClellan and Dewey's Psychology.

It was the sense of the Round Table that every teacher should have a clear definition of education. Examinations are potent factors in educational work, and if judiciously managed can be made very helpful to teachers, and they approve the plan adopted by the Wheeling board of examining in two different branches each year.

The following questions were given to the Barnesville schools:

1. Where and how do you spend your evenings?
2. What books do you read?
3. What papers do you read?
4. Do you use tobacco? If so do you smoke or chew?
5. If you smoke do you use cigars, cigarettes or pipe?

The subject of effective government was fully discussed. It is the sense of the Round Table that the reading lesson is the most important school exercise. It gives an opportunity not only to teach the subject of reading, but also to teach language, literature, morals and general information. They commended the successful efforts of the Bellaire teachers to bring out the greatest benefits in a reading lesson, and expressed their pleasure with the plan of examining the applicants for teachers certificate on general information, as recently adopted by the Belmont county examiners.

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Monongah Coal Boycott.

Mr. George Crumbacker states to the public that the Monongah coal is the best; that the sale of it is increasing and that the miners of it are paid as well as miners are paid anywhere, which is false in every particular. The facts are: The miners are not paid the district price; the sale of it has decreased from five cars to less than one-half car per day since the boycott was placed on Mr. Crumbacker and the Monongah coal by the Ohio Valley Trades and Labor Assembly; it is no better than other bituminous coal. William McKeown, F. H. Crow and J. E. Crumbacker are the only persons hauling the boycotted coal, and are selling coal for home or Pittsburgh coal in the meantime. Friends of organized labor please take notice.

MINERS' COMMITTEE.

BEECHAM'S PILLS for a bad Liver.

DIED.

MCCRACKEN--At Pittsburgh, Pa., on Thursday morning, January 21, 1892, RICHARD B. MCCRACKEN, aged 54 years.

Funeral services from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Laura McCracken, No. 15 Eighth street, on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. Interment private.

WATKINS--At Elmville, O., on Friday morning, January 22, 1892, at 6 o'clock, REBECCAH WATKINS, nee, aged 61 years, 7 months and 17 days. Funeral Sunday, January 23, at 2 p. m. Interment at Linwood Cemetery. All old soldiers and friends invited.

[Sunday News please copy.]

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